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SACRAMENTO MAN INDICTED FOR RECEIPT AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury returned a two-count indictment charging JOHN RICHARD CHAVEZ, 34, of Sacramento, Calif., with receipt and possession of child pornography.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Kyle Reardon, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that on or about August 13, 2007, CHAVEZ downloaded to his computer a video of child pornography from the "BabyJ" series of videos. The "BabyJ" series is a series of child pornography that is well-known to law enforcement, depicting the rape of a prepubescent girl by an adult male. The indictment also alleges that CHAVEZ possessed on his computer visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

If convicted of these charges, CHAVEZ faces at least five years and up to 20 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and a life term of supervised release. However, the actual sentence will be dictated by the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of factors, and will be imposed at the discretion of the court.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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